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Representative Leach Hails Enactment of Law Prohibiting Use of City Zoning Regulations to Discriminate Against Private Schools

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Vince Leach (R-11) thanked Governor Doug Ducey for signing legislation into law that will prohibit the use of zoning regulations to discriminate against private schools.

HB 2461 prohibits a municipality or county from adopting or enforcing zoning regulations that require private schools to operate on more than one acre of property. The bill responds to situations like <u>Tucson's zoning regulations that require public and charter schools to operate on one acre or more but require private schools to operate on five acres or more.</u>

"There's no reason why public and charter schools should be subject to one zoning standard and private schools are forced to operate under a different standard," said Representative Leach. "This legislation creates an even playing field for all schools when it comes to zoning regulations."

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